information received from Delhi Administration, an incident took place on 21st January, 1988 at Tis Hazari Courts.

(b) Delhi Administration decided to constitute a Committee consisting of two Hon'ble Judges of the High Court of Delhi, in consultation with the Hon'ble Chief Justice of Delhi High Courts, to inquire into the incidents of 15th January, 1988, 21st January, 1988 and 17th February, 1988.

Curb on Government expenditure

51. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether eminent economists have suggested that Government should curb the current expenditure to boost public savings, generate resources for investment and keep the budget deficit within reasonable limits; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government on these suggestions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) At the pre-budget meeting held with Economists on 6th January, 1988, they *inter-alia* stressed the need to raise the overall saving rate in the economy, the need to generate resources for investment, importance of curbing the growth in Government current expenditure and keeping the budget deficit within manageable limits. Suggestion made by Economists, as indeed from other associations and persons are taken into account in the formulation of Government Policy.

Visit of investment survey mission of Japan to India

52. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an investment Survey mission from Japan visited India recently to examine the possibility of reversing the declining Japanese private investment in this country; and

(b) if so, the details of the discussions, the Mission had with the Indian Government officials and the conclusions reached?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) A Japanese Investment Environment Survey Mission comprising 35 members visited India from 21st to 29th January, 1988 for discussions with officials of the Government of India, Reserve Bank of India, State Governments etc. as well as with representatives of the industry.

(b) The discussions covered India's foreign investment policy and the state of the economy in general. The visit was exploratory in nature.

Creation of a Customs Marine Organisation

53. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have created a new customs marine organisation for curbing sumggling activities within India's territorial waters; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the results so far achieved by the new organisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Customs Marine Oragnisation to be composed of suitable personnel for manning and maintaining the sea-going vessels at the disposal of Customs department is being established in phases. The details of all the three phases in which personnel of various categories are required, given here in below:—

Sl. No.	Particulars	Development phase I 85-86	II 86-89	III 89-92	Total
1	Professional Managerial	29	23	25	77
2	Technical Industrial and Non-Industrial	10	54	29	93
3	Accounts, Ministerial and Establishment	19	40	21	80
	Total No. of Posts	58	117	75	250

Since the Customs Marine Organisation is in the process of being set-up results are yet to to be achieved by it.

Amendment of direct tax laws

54. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH:
SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:
SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend the Direct Tax Laws (Amendment) Act, 1987 after getting the views from various trade associations and professions bodies as announced by him in Bombay;

(b) whether the Chairman, Central Board of Direct Taxes was sent to Bombay and other cities to gather and assess the views of trade bodies; and

(c) whether the Chairman 9th Finance Commission has criticised the recent amendments in the Direct Tax Laws as 'unreasonable, unjust and oppressive' and if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The Government has received representations from various trade associations and professional bodies regarding the Direct Tax Laws (Amendment) Act, 1987, and such representations have been examined. The examination of the various provisions of the Income-tax Act in the light of the suggestions received from various quarters is a continuing process and amendments to the Income-tax Act are proposed as and when found necessary.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Chairman, Centraf Board of Direct Taxes; discussed the suggestions pertaining to Direct Tax Laws (Amendment) Act, 1987 with Indian Merchants' Chamber. He also visited some other places on the invitation of trade bodies and associations to explain the provisions of the Direct Tax Laws (Amendment) Act, 1987 and to know about their suggestions. The feedback received is being examined in the Ministry.